

—From the Norfolk News we learn that diphtheria is quite prevalent at Madison; that \$500 bonus has been raised there for a creamery; that Mr. Robertson has resigned his position as principal of the Norfolk schools, and goes to Kearney to engage in real estate business.

—The contest for the silver cup at H. L. Small's skating rink Monday evening was won by Chas. Finnessey, time 4 seconds. The contestants were Chas. Finnessey 4 seconds; Will Elmer 5 1/2; Thos. Stewart 10; Will Stallard 7-8; Antonio Johnson 8. Time keepers Lute North and Geo. Fairchild.

—The Journal's facilities for printing wedding and party invitations or wedding cards are very complete, enabling us to turn out work of this class that cannot fail to suit the most fastidious. We keep a good assortment of the latest styles of this class of stationery always on hand to select from.

—Arrangements have been made by which all those attending the sporting match at St. Edwards can return to the city the same night. They will go up on the regular Albia train, and the train bringing them back will start immediately after the exhibition is over. Quite a number will attend from here.

—Any items of purchases of fat cattle will now be in order, as the large feeders will soon be ready to market their herds. The Lincoln Journal says that on the 23rd ult. John Snyder contracted for 150 head of fat cattle, to be delivered in the spring, paying for them \$5 per one hundred pounds.

—An anxious mother desires to know the whereabouts of her son, H. Hansford Claiborne, who left home Jan. 29. He is only 15 years old, but looks to be 19 or 20; smooth face, brown eyes, 5 feet 8 inches in height, wears a gray overcoat, dark brown corduroy pants, soft felt hat, short, dark coat—printer by trade. Any information address to Mrs. E. B. Claiborne, Sioux City, Ia. Western papers please copy.

—At Marshalltown, Ia., on the 24th, Minnie Cummings pleaded guilty to keeping a house of prostitution; the telegram remarks that as she has before been convicted, she will, this time, have to go to the penitentiary. We suppose that such is the law in Iowa, and it would be a good thing to copy in other states. Think of the specimen of humanity that makes a business of inveigling young girls into her infamous den! How lost to all sense of honor or shame!

—We learn from the Nebraska City News that John Yont, who is interested in fruit raising, and lives about twelve miles south of the city, in 1877 planted with the rest of an orchard, an acre of two-year-old Genstein apples, setting the trees about one rod apart. This fall he sold from one acre over 700 bushels of apples, on which he realized \$475, or at the rate of 65 cents per bushel. Still some people claim this is not a fruit country, and that there is no money in fruit.

—The Mason & Hamlin organ is the best offered for sale here. Call at A. & M. Turner's book store.

—The Mason & Hamlin organ, as everybody knows, cannot be excelled. For sale by Anna & Martha Turner.

—The only meat market in town that offered a reward on killing diseased cattle was Rickly & Hoffman's.

—The Woodbridge organ is not excelled anywhere, for the price. Call at A. & M. Turner's book and music store.

—Marshall Smith returned to Denver Tuesday last week. He didn't have time from business to visit his old friends.

—Miss Gussie Rickly returned home last Saturday from a visit of several months among friends at North Platte.

—Rev. J. A. Reed, a former citizen of Columbus, came over from Davenport Thursday. He reports cold weather in Iowa.

—Sale of horses, cows, calves, hogs, household goods, farm implements, etc., at T. J. Crosby's farm Feb. 8th, '84, by C. M. Sweeney.

—Fifty head number-one sheep, all young ewes, also a first-class work horse eight years old for sale by D. L. Bruen, Grand Prairie.

—The North Bend Flax that sister Wespahunt of Mapleville committed suicide Jan. 30. It is supposed he was temporarily insane.

—R. Hartman, recently with J. B. Delesman, takes a position with the Columbus State Bank, while Theodore Wandel becomes a railroad man at the U. P. depot.

—Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. John Hempleman of this place separated, she taking the train for Denver with the three younger children, he keeping the two older ones.

—An old man, literally tottering on the verge of the grave, was so drunk the other evening that he fell several times cutting his face badly and causing the blood to flow freely.

—Judge Riley of Albion was in town Thursday. The added years take nothing from his cheerfulness, but they increase his anxiety to see the people ride the railroads.

—Messrs. Early & Niblock have entered into partnership in the insurance business with office two doors north of First Nat'l Bank. Look out for advertisement next week.

—Miss Louise Bauer, through failing health, has been compelled to give up her school, at least temporarily. Her place has not yet been supplied that we are aware of.

—From the Genoa Enterprise says that the first lecture of their course will be by Mrs. E. G. Platte, subject "The American Indians, their past and present," H. J. Hudson, and Col. S. F. Tappan are to complete the course; that the Indian school building is practically completed, that Commissioner Haworth recently arrived from his tour among Indian tribes for pupils, and reports that there will be no trouble to get Indian children for the school, but will be to find room for all that wish to come.

—The G. A. R. encampment which met last Tuesday and Wednesday at Fremont was the largest ever held in the state, 315 accredited delegates attending to their names. There has been a gain of 63 posts and 2,080 members during the past 11 months. The Q. M. General's report showed money and property on hands to the value of \$3,028. In the contest for locating the re-union, Columbus made a great many friends and will doubtless stand well for the next. The vote stood, Fremont 267; Columbus 68. Capt. John Hammond of this city was elected delegate at large to the national encampment.

—Death does not always choose its victims, it seems, from those who could be spared the most, yet we must mournfully submit to the power that is supposed to do all things well, whenever and wherever it points the way. The sudden taking away of Mrs. Wm. R. Day, by typhoid fever at her home five miles south of this city, last Monday evening, again calls forth sympathy from the many friends of the bereaved husband. Mr. Day is a young man, just starting in life, and to be thus called upon to separate from one he so dearly loved, and to whom he had married less than a month, is indeed hard for him to bear, and look into the future with the some bright hopes which so recently foreboded his daily walks. The remains will probably be taken to Columbus, where the parents of the deceased reside, for interment in the family burying ground.—York Democrat, Jan. 31.

—John Dineen, at his residence 1 1/2 miles west of Bucher's mill, Feb. 11th, will sell 5 horses, 68 head cattle and 25 shoats. Under \$20, cash; other sums, one year's time, bankable paper, 10 per cent. interest, 5 off for cash. Joas Haber, auctioneer.

—The following, from headquarters, shows the names of pensioners originating from Platte county, character of disability and amount of monthly pension received from the government: Mielenz, Frank, g. s. w. foot, \$4.00; Selsor, Wm. g. s. w. shoul, 24.00; Hanchett, John, g. s. w. hand, 3.00; Brady, Wm. g. s. w. hand, 3.00; Owen, Daniel C. inf. l. leg, 16.00; Hanchett, John, g. s. w. knee, 4.00; Keeler, Jas. g. s. w. leg, 6.00; Judd, Jehiel J. g. s. w. face, 6.00; Fries, Robt. chr. bronch, 4.00; Fisher, John, g. s. w. hand, 6.00; Sierdier, Jno. H. var. w. face, 6.00; Sinton, Robt. B. g. s. w. hand, back, 18.00; Rodgers, Michael, inf. hip, back, 4.00; Rooster, Richard, g. s. w. hip, 4.00; Patterson, Geo. inf. l. leg, 4.00; Plant, Peter, w. l. thigh, 4.00; Cady, Anthony, w. l. hip, 4.00; Aprar, Jos. g. s. w. thigh, 4.00; Griffin, Mary, a widow, 8.00; Tanshill, Janet, widow, 8.00; Smith, James, inf. l. leg, 4.00; Kane, Daniel, lung dis, 12.00; Willis, Geo. g. s. w. hip, 6.00; Wiestman, Charles, g. s. w. hip, 6.00; Thomas, Rebecca, mother, 8.00; Bennett, Daniel B. g. s. w. r. shoul, 8.00; Mitchell, Eugene, g. s. w. r. shoul, 18.00; Elton, Geo. W. dis. lungs, 2.00; Ellis, Thos. J. inf. fingers, 2.00; Smith, James, inf. l. leg, 2.00; Clark, Edward, g. s. w. thigh, 2.00; Barrett, Stasiehl, loss l. thigh, 2.00; Bismark, J. w. w. thigh, 2.00; Fitzpatrick, Edw. g. s. w. thigh, 7.00; Norlon, Zina, w. r. leg, 6.00; Sauer, John, H. g. s. w. arm thigh, 4.00; Slattery, Irwin J. g. s. w. neck, 24.00; Catch, Thos. inf. w. leg, 2.00; Campbell, Jas. M. neuralgia, 4.00; Wilson, Thos. chr. rheum, 4.00; Yarn, Sarah J. widow, w. hip, 8.00; Davis, Wm. chr. rheum, 8.00; Thurston, Wm. J. part. par. arm, 10.00; Spilg, Benjamin, inf. l. leg, 18.00; Rice, Wilson W. g. s. w. arm, 18.00; Beckwith, David S. inf. spine, 8.00; Potts, Thos. thigh, 8.00; Wadsworth, Henry D. g. s. w. head spine, 24.00; Williams, Chas. H. g. s. w. r. shoul, 24.00; Kibler, Geo. W. injury to abdomen, 8.00; Stearns, John, w. thigh, 18.00; Moran, Robert, asthma, 30.00; Brock, Emora A. chr. diar, 4.00; Shiley, Wm. T. var. w. leg, 18.00; Brooks, Daniel, g. s. w. foot, loss toe, 6.00; Speerry, Barbara, widow, 20.00; Van Gorp, J. w. w. hand, 18.00; Luchsinger, Fredolin, g. s. w. fingers, 20.00; Wagner, Margaret, mother, 8.00; Baker, Francis H. frac. r. arm, 2.00.

—Received on subscription since our last issue: Arthur Smith, \$1.00; C. E. Gripp, 2.00; John Brugger, 4.00; John Brugger, Sr., 1.00; Francisca Fathers, 1.00; H. Hockenberger, 2.00; Phil Cain, 6.00; Geo. Bery, 4.00; L. M. Beebe, 1.00; J. R. Smith, 2.00; J. K. Dixon, 1.00; T. H. Saunders, 1.00; John Staab, 2.00; C. W. Talbitzer, 1.00; F. M. Baker, 4.00; J. C. McMahon, 4.00; Aug Weiser, 1.00; Conrad Fuchs, 2.00; Geo. W. Schram, 2.00; Rev. S. Goodale, 4.00; D. Holleran, 2.85; C. J. Schram, 6.00; John M. Anderson, 10.00; Nick Welling, 5.00; J. A. Reed, 2.00; Wm. Connelly, 5.00; E. A. Gerrard, 2.00; J. W. Robley, 2.00; Charles Gertsch, 4.00; Louis Weaver, 2.00; R. Kummer, 2.00; John Jackson, 10.00; Mat Lowery, 4.00; A. M. Jennings, 2.00; J. J. Graves, 2.00; E. T. Graham, 8.00; F. P. Hoffman, 1.00.

—To be held at the yellow school house, Columbus, Neb., on Friday evening, Feb. 8th, '84, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. W. H. Tedrow, subject, "Elocution in Public Schools." Miss Eva Coffey, subject, "How to teach Spelling." Ed. Newman, subject, "How to teach History." Augustus Davis, subject, "What to teach in Common Schools." Subject for general discussion, "How to promote the Salaries of Teachers." A lecture, by Judge Higgins. Let every teacher in the county be present, and be prepared to discuss the question so important with us all. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. C. J. CARLOW, M. BRUGGER, EDNA SCHRACK, Ex. Com.

—Killed by the cars, on the Norfolk branch between Lost Creek and Platte Center, a fine three-year-old steer, it being the property of Michael Maher, Esq., who reports this to be the second animal he has lost by the cars. The surprise party on L. H. Jewell Friday evening was a very pleasant affair, there being about forty of his friends and relatives present; some handsome presents were brought, it being in honor of his birthday anniversary.

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